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2 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason.

3 DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman, I
4 apologize to the members of the Committee for having
5 to take any more time than is necessary to discuss this
6 issue, and as I am sure everyone agrees, this is a vitally
7 important issue to this Convention, and to the members
8 of the larger as well as the smaller counties.

9 We are dealing here with the sovereignty of the
10 people of the State of Maryland. The question really is
11 how shall that sovereignty be exercised with respect to
12 one branch of the Government, the State legislature?

13 Not too many years ago there was an English
14 historian of some note, a political scientist, if you
15 will, a man of great distinction, great intellect, by
16 the name of John Stuart Mills. Mr. Mills wrote several
17 essays on the question of representative government. At
18 that time, in England, the House of Commons was composed
19 of men selected from clubs in London and elsewhere,
20 and he was campaigning for a representation for the
21 minorities. His motto was that there would be and there